

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance because the remaining claims pending in the present application have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. In view of the following reasoning for allowance, the applicants hereby respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the subject patent application.

1.0 Rejection of Claims 1-8:

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) advanced by the Office Action with respect to claims 1-8. However, in order to further prosecution of the present application, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-8, and will argue the patentability of these claims (1-8) in a preliminary amendment that will be filed along with a continuation application directed to the originally claimed subject matter.

2.0 Allowable Subject Matter:

The Office Action of July 14, 2005 indicated that the subject matter of claims 9, 10, 12-17, 19 and 20 was allowable. In response, Applicants have cancelled the non-allowed subject matter by way of the present amendment. Consequently, as the Office Action has indicated the allowability of claims 9, 10, 12-17, 19 and 20, and claims 1-8 have been canceled, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for immediate allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9, 10, 12-17, 19 and 20 are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, as the allowability of these claims has already been indicated in the present Office Action, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant kindly invites the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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